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For: SECONDARY BATTERY AND METHOD OF MANUFACTURING SAME

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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Sir:

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.56, and §§1.97 and 1.98 as amended, Applicant cites, describes, and provides copies of the following art references:

FOREIGN PATENT REFERENCE:

- Japanese Patent Publication No. 2002-334685 to Azema et al., entitled BATTERY LID, published 22 November 2002.
- Japanese Patent Publication No. H07-169506 to Yamashita, entitled LITHIUM ION SECONDARY BATTERY, published 04 July 1995.
- Japanese Patent Publication No. 2001-035333 to Kawanishi, entitled TEMPERATURE FUSE ASSEMBLY AND INSTALLING METHOD OF TEMPERATURE FUSE TO APPARATUS, published 09 February.

OTHER DOCUMENTS:

- Office Action for Korean Application No. 10-2002-0081071, dated 21 October 2004.
- Office Action for Korean Application No. 10-2002-0084073, dated 22 October 2004.

DISCUSSION

Azuma, et al. JP'685, according to the Korean Office Actions in applicant's patent priority applications Serial No. 10-2002-0081071 and Serial No. 10-2002-0084073, discloses that the battery lid comprises a metallic plate member 2a that shields the inside 1a of a battery cell 1 used for a secondary battery and the plate member 2a can be fitted with protection device 4 for explosion-protection or fire-protection, and the plate member 2a is formed with a first recess 2e for housing the protection device 4. Thereby, this battery lid contributes to small-sizing and thinning of the battery.

Yamashita JP'506 discloses that in a lithium ion secondary battery 1, a recess 2a is formed on the outer surface, except for the upper surface, of an outer container 2 made of a stainless steel, whose upper surface of opening is sealed, preferably in the bottom facing to the upper surface, a thin plate-shaped PTC device whose resistance is positive temperature characteristic serving as a charge/discharge control device is placed and fixed to the upper surface by laser welding and a positive terminal is protruded from the center. By accommodating the device 3 in the recess 2a, it is fixed within the maximum outer dimension of the container 2, and volume efficiency of a compact, lightweight appliance using the battery 1 is enhanced.

Kawanishi JP'333 discloses that in a thin temperature fuse 1, the tip parts of axial type belt-like lead conductors 12, 12 are fixed on a plastic base film by an adhesive and fusion, and a plate-like holder 2 has a fitting hole 21 for adjusting the whole contour or a part of the contour to a specific position with respect to an apparatus outer surface. A thin body part 10 of the plate-like holder 2 is

adjusted to the whole contour of a temperature fuse installing surface 3 of an apparatus, to be fixed to the temperature fuse installing surface 3 to eliminate fluctuations in a temperature-sensing operational characteristics of the temperature fuse caused by positional dislocation.

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The citation of the foregoing references is not intended to constitute an assertion that other or more relevant art does not exist. Accordingly, the Examiner is requested to make a wide-ranging and thorough search of the relevant art.

No fee is incurred by this Statement.

Respectfully submitted,

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FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS**TRANSLATION**

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	JP2002-334685	11/02	JAPAN			Abstract	
	JP07-169506	07/95	JAPAN			Abstract	
	JP2001-035333	09/01	JAPAN			Abstract	

OTHER DOCUMENTS (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, etc.)

	Korean Office Action of the Korean Patent Publication No. 2002-81071, issued on 21 Oct. 2004 (English translation attached)
	Korean Office Action of the Korean Patent Publication No. 2002-84073, issued on 22 Oct. 2004 (English translation attached)

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